KC
KODANSHA COMICS

CHAPTER 48

JUNKO

KISS HIM, NOT ME!

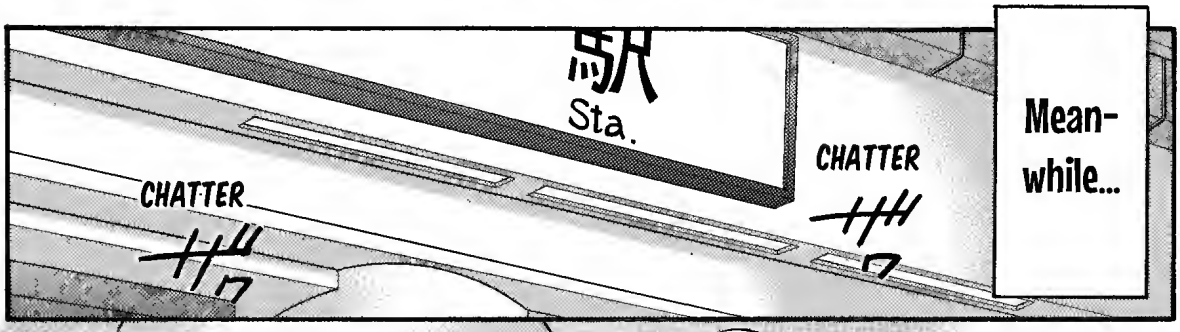
BY JUNKO

#48 CAN SHE OVERCOME HER DESIRES?

*THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, GROUPS, OR EVENTS.

IF YOU GET CALLED, PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT!
BADUMP
ドキ
PLEASE BE ME! PLEASE BE ME!
AND FINALLY, SEAT A-12!!
DANG!
PLEASE COME UP TO THE STAGE!
COME! COME!
JEALOUS !!
TH-TH-THANK YOU SHO MUCH!
HEH! HEH!
でへ
THANK YOU!!
THAT GIRL'S FREAKING OUT LIKE SERI-NUMA-SENPAI!
HERE YOU ARE! THANK YOUUU!

BOOM
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI?!
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?!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Sta.
CHATTER
CHATTER
Mean-while...

CHATTER
AND HER TRAIN ISN'T LATE OR ANYTHING, EITHER...
SERINUMA-SAN... I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO HER.
CHATTER
SHE'S NOT READ-ING MY MES-SAGES ...
Kae Serinuma
Where are you? Is everything ok?
Cancelled

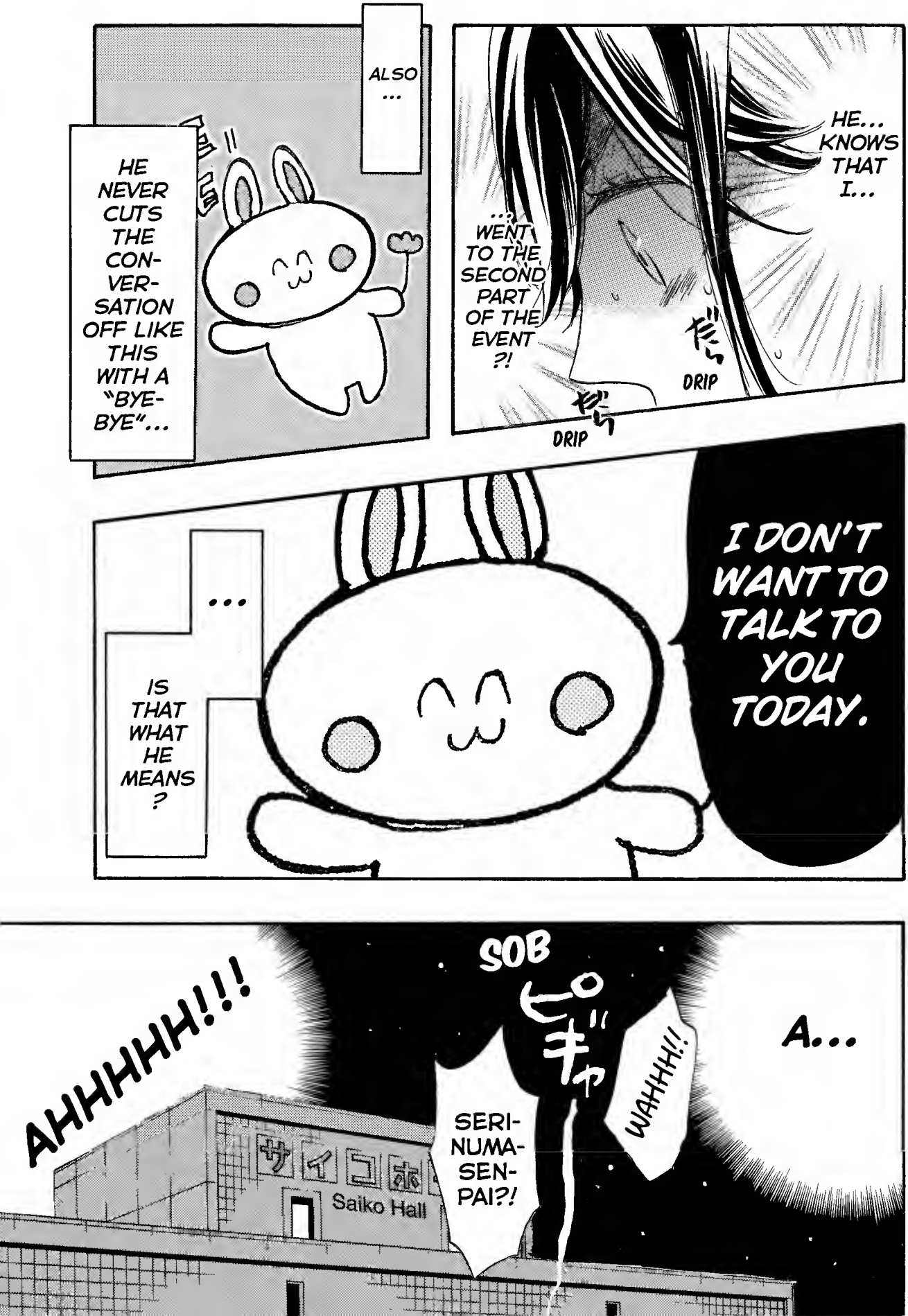
Shin Yashiro
1
New Message
?
UH, YASHI-RO-KUN...
!
は,
GASP
I HOPE SHE DIDN'T GET INTO AN ACCIDENT ...!
歩
I'm at a "Mirage Saga" event right now, and I bumped into your girlfriend.
PING
your girlfriend.
I didn't know that she shares the same interests as me. I had an extra ticket for the second part of the event, so we're going to check it out together. I don't want there to be a misunderstanding.
Later.

トﾞﾝ
TMP...
サイコホール
Saiko Hall
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI!!
SEN-PAI!
SEN-PAI!
THERE SHE IS!
CHATTER
OH!
CHATTER

OH!
くるり
TURN
SHIMA-CHAN!!
LOOK! I GOT THE POSTER... HE HE HE...
すり
RUB
すり
RUB
NEVER MIND THAT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR DATE WITH MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
はー
GASP
HUH?!
HUH ...?
WHA?!
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHA...
WHAT AM I STILL DOING HERE ...?
HERE ...
じっ...
STARE
...

BOOM
WHAT'S THIS?!
MIRAGE SAGA! Congratulations!!
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
THAT'S THE SIGNED POSTER YOU JUST WON, SENPAI!
O... OH NO!!
WHY AM I AT THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENT?
I DON'T RE-MEM-BER ANY-THING!!
HUH ?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
I...I GOTTA CALL HIM!!
...!!
RRRING
RRRING
HE'S NOT ANSWER-ING!!
WAAAHHH!
A MESSAGE! T...TRY SENDING HIM A MESSAGE!
OKAY!
SOB

Mutsumi
Senpai, I'm so sorry! Are you still there? I can come right now!
TAK TAK TAK
FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET
Five minutes later
そわそわそわそわ
GASP! ハッ
HE READ IT!
Five minutes later
BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP
ドキドキドキドキドキドキドキ
ヒュー
THUD
JOLT
AHHHH!!
Asuma Mutsumi
ポーン PING
Sorry, I'm on the train home from visiting my grandpa's grave. Did you have fun at the event? You can tell me about it tomorrow.
BYE! BYE!


ALSO...
HE NEVER CUTS THE CONVERSATION OFF LIKE THIS WITH A "BYE-BYE"...
HE... KNOWS THAT I...
...? WENT TO THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENT?!
DRIP
DRIP
I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU TODAY.
...
IS THAT WHAT HE MEANS?
A...
WAHHH!!
SOB
ヒック
SERI-NUMA-SEN-PAI?!
AHHHHH!!!
サイコホール
Saiko Hall

The next day
THUD
ドドド

SORRY!!
?!
KRRRK
KRRRK
I'M SO...

...REMEMBER ONLY UP UNTIL THE END OF THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENT, AND I WAS HEADING OVER TO MEET YOU, AND THEN THINGS WENT BLANK, AND...
Talk-ing super fast
I...
さわ...
MURMUR...
IT'S HER AGAIN...
THIS FEELS LIKE DEJA VU...
I...
IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE, BUT...

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS BACK AT THE VENUE, LOOKING AT THE STAGE.
NO.
IF I TELL HIM THAT I GOT THE TICKET FROM YASHIRO-SENPAI...
YA...
GASP

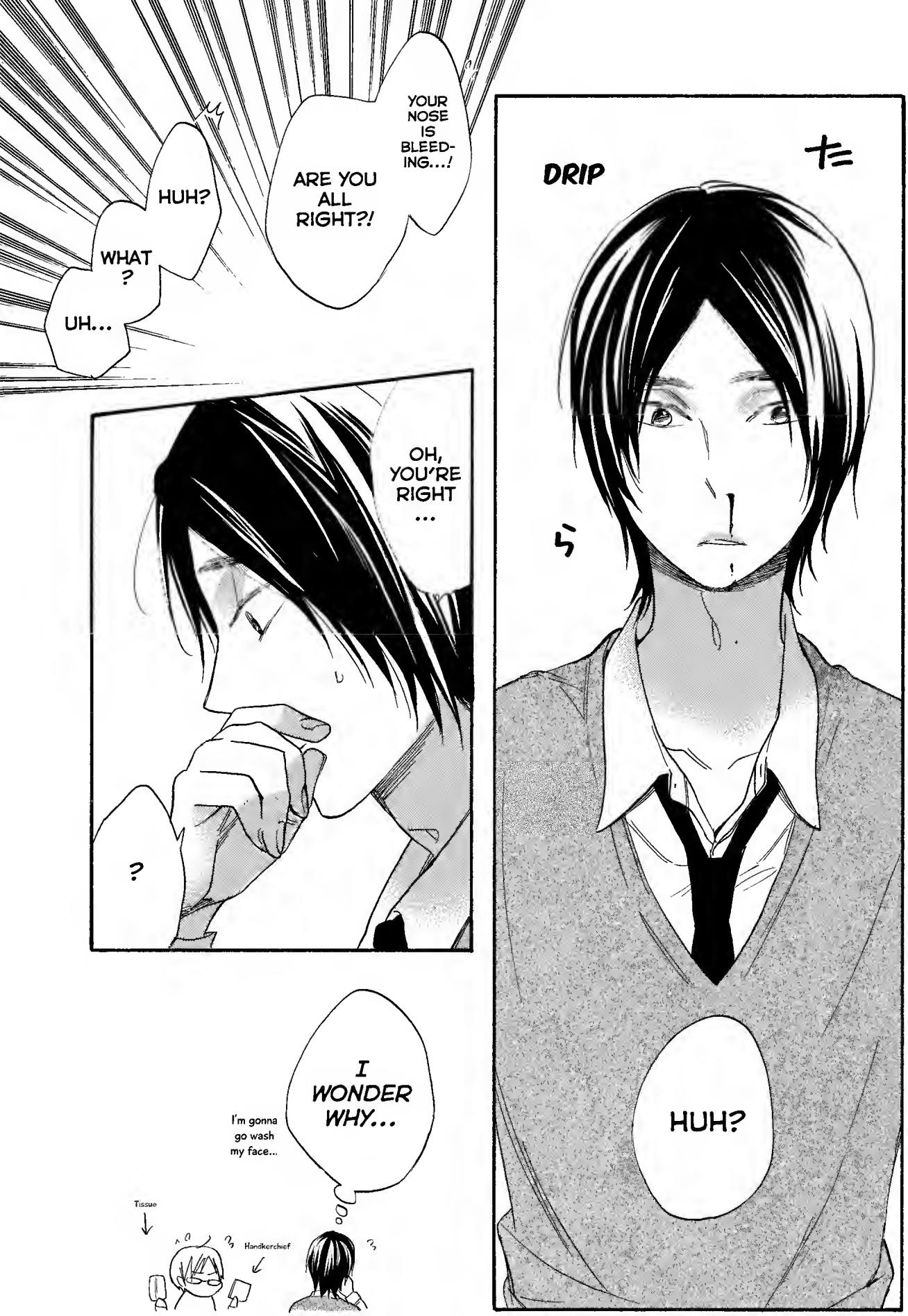
I CAN'T BLAME ANYONE ELSE!!
A... ANY-WAY...
I'M JUST TELLING YOU HOW IT HAP-PENED.
IT WILL SEEM LIKE I'M PUTTING THE BLAME ON HIM.
...AND I WENT TO THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENT!!
Wha?!
That's awful.
She bailed on him?
I STOOD YOU UP, SEN-PAI...
I'M SO SORRY!!
FWIP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP

TAP
!
HUH ...?
?
I WAS WORRIED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT'VE HAPPENED TO YOU.

LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE PLANS.
JUST PROMISE ME THAT, OKAY?
SHEN-PAI...!
I'M SO SORRY ...!!

MU-
TSUMI-
SENPAI
...
I WON'T DO THAT TO YOU AGAIN!!
WHEW! I'M SO GLAD!!
BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON, OKAY?
I WILL !!
Waaahhh!!
THERE, THERE.
STROKE
STROKE
I APOLO-GIZE.
I SIMPLY INVITED HER BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LET THE TICKET GO TO WASTE.
I HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE HAD A DATE WITH YOU...
MUTSUMI.

I FIGURED HER PLANS WEREN'T THAT IMPOR-TANT.
I'M SORRY.
WHEN I INVITED HER, SHE IMMEDI-ATELY SAID SHE WANTED TO GO, SO...
OH...
YEAH, IT'S ALL GOOD.
Well...
I SUPPOSE IT WAS AWKWARD FOR HER TO BRING UP...
SHE DIDN'T MENTION SHE WAS WITH ME, DID SHE?
BUT...
NOT AT ALL ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
MU-TSUMI ?!
?!
JOLT
PLIP


YOUR NOSE IS BLEED-ING...!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
HUH?
WHAT?
UH...
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT ...
?
DRIP
HUH?
I WONDER WHY...
I'm gonna go wash my face...
Tissue
Handkerchief

YEAH !!
OH! THAT'S GREAT!
HE REALLY IS BUDDHA ...
DID MUTSUMI-SENPAI FORGIVE YOU?
SERINUMA-SENPAI!
2-A
I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE IN TO MY DESIRES ANY-MORE!!
I'VE GOT THIS!
THANK YOU, MUTSUMI-SENPAI.
But...
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
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BLAH
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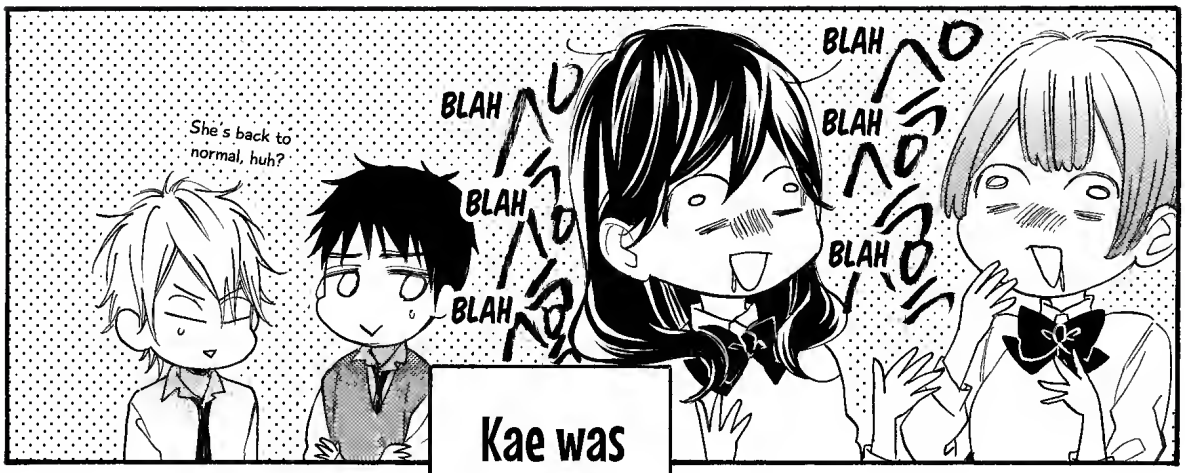
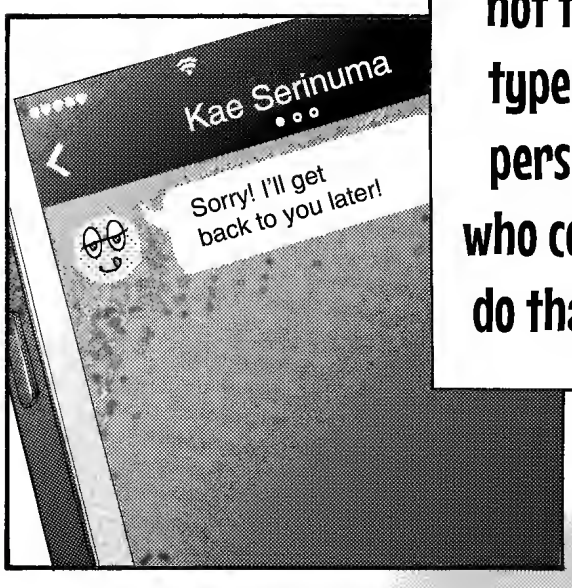
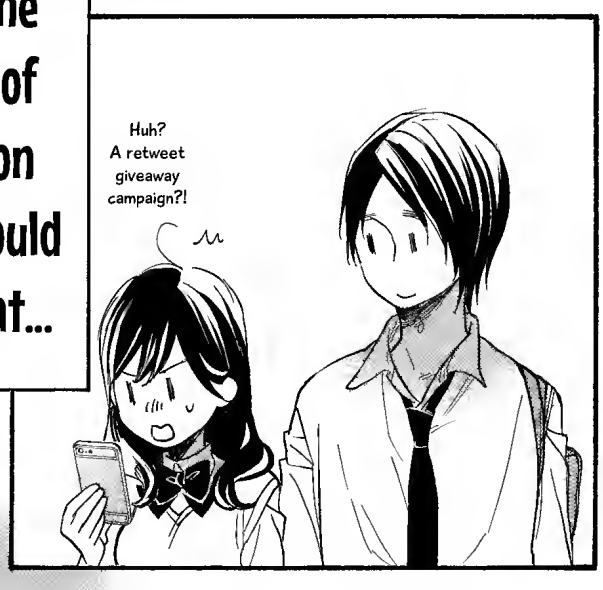
BLAH



Kae was not the type of person who could do that...





...WORSE THAN BEFORE, ISN'T SHE?
HYUK
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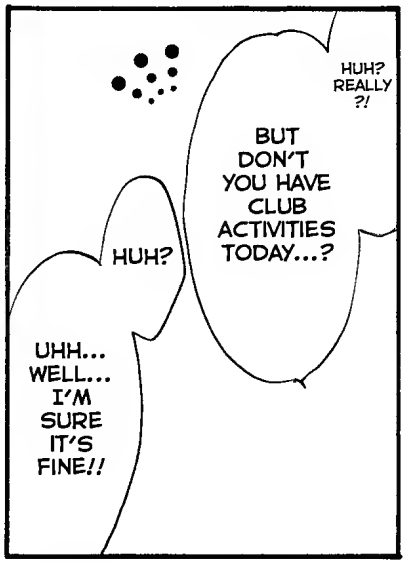
HYUK
HYUK
HYUK
SHE'S...

WHA? IS THAT SO?
OH, THEN I'LL HELP YOU TODAY! YOU'LL RELEASE YOUR BOOK FOR SURE, THEN, RIGHT?!

SHIMA-CHAN, YOU'RE RELEASING A NEW PUBLICATION AT THE NEXT EVENT, RIGHT?
So excited!
OH, YEAH!
IT'S DUE THIS WEEKEND... BUT I THINK I CAN GET IT DONE IF I PULL SOME ALL-NIGHTERS!

HUH?
RIGHT, SENPAI?! IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
RIGHT ?!
RIGHT ?!


HUH? REALLY ?!
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE CLUB ACTIVITIES TODAY...?
HUH?
UHH... WELL... I'M SURE IT'S FINE!!

WE WANNA GO TO THE REST-ROOM, SO WE'RE GONNA GET GOING NOW.
OH! LOOK AT THE TIME!
OKAY.
THANK YOUUU!!
Wowww!
GO AHEAD.
OKAY... ALL RIGHT, THEN.
STARE
THEY NEVER GET TIRED OF IT.
MAN, NOTHING'S CHANGED, HUH...
Huh!?
M... MU-TSUMI-SENPAI?!
DRIP
JOLT
YOUR NOSE IS BLEED-ING!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

UHH...
I'VE BEEN GETTING THEM OFTEN THESE DAYS.
Sniff
OH, IT GOT ON MY SHIRT, TOO...
OH, MAN.
YOU SHOULD GET IT CHECKED OUT AT THE HOSPITAL ...
IT MIGHT BE RELATED TO YOUR INJURY!
WHEN I HAD MY CHECK-UP THE OTHER DAY, THEY TOOK A LOOK, BUT THEY FOUND NOTHING.
I GUESS IT'S A NASAL INFLAM-MATION ?
SMILE
WELL, WE SHOULD HEAD BACK, TOO.
UH, OKAY ...
Dunno...
Do you get nosebleeds from nasal inflammation?
I'M HOME.

YO!!
HOW'S IT GOING?
KAZUMA ?!
I CAME HOME FOR DINNER!
UH...
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?
IS THAT BLOOD ?!
UH, YEAH.
I HAD A NOSE-BLEED.
I'VE BEEN GETTING THEM A LOT THESE DAYS...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IS SOME-THING GOING ON?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, LIKE...

YOU HAD THEM A LONG TIME AGO, TOO...
WHEN YOU WERE REALLY STRESSED, YOU'D GET NOSE-BLEEDS, RIGHT?
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON, REALLY.
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TMP
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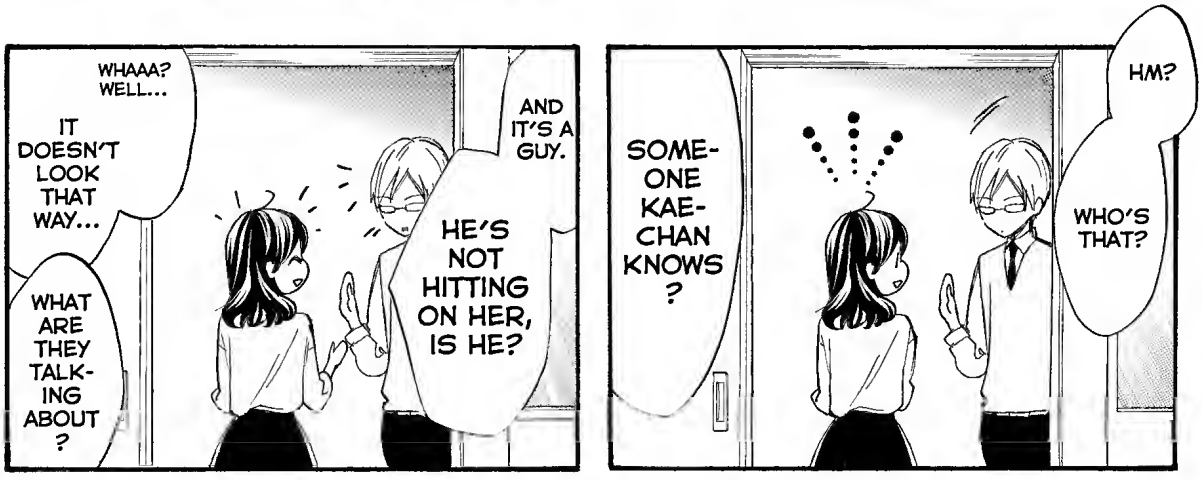
TMP
トン
OH, YEAH?
WELL, THAT'S GOOD, THEN...
KER-CHAK
...
RUB RUB
?
WELL, I WAS THE CAUSE OF THAT STRESS, BUT ANYWAY!
Sorry for causing so much mischief!
...

The next day
HUH?
YEAH, I WANNA WATCH THAT MOVIE!!
THE PREMIERE IS ON SATURDAY, SO WE SHOULD GO WATCH IT!
YEAH!!
UH!
DID YOU SAY SAT-URDAY?
I'M SO SORRY, BUT I HAVE PLANS ON SATUR-DAY...
OH, YOU DO?
SORRY!
STARE
OKAY, THEN HOW'S SUNDAY?
SUNDAY'S FINE, OF COURSE! ♡
IT'S A DATE! ♡
EEK! I'M SO EXCITED! ♡
There it is.
There it is.
There it is.

MAN...
I THINK I'VE GOTTEN USED TO WATCHING THEM.
HA は、
HA は、
WELL, YEAH...
THAT'S A LITTLE SAD.
HEH HEH...
WELL, YEAH...
は、 HA


HM?
WHO'S THAT?
SOME-ONE KAE-CHAN KNOWS ?
AND IT'S A GUY.
HE'S NOT HITTING ON HER, IS HE?
WHAAA? WELL...
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT WAY...
WHAT ARE THEY TALK-ING ABOUT ?

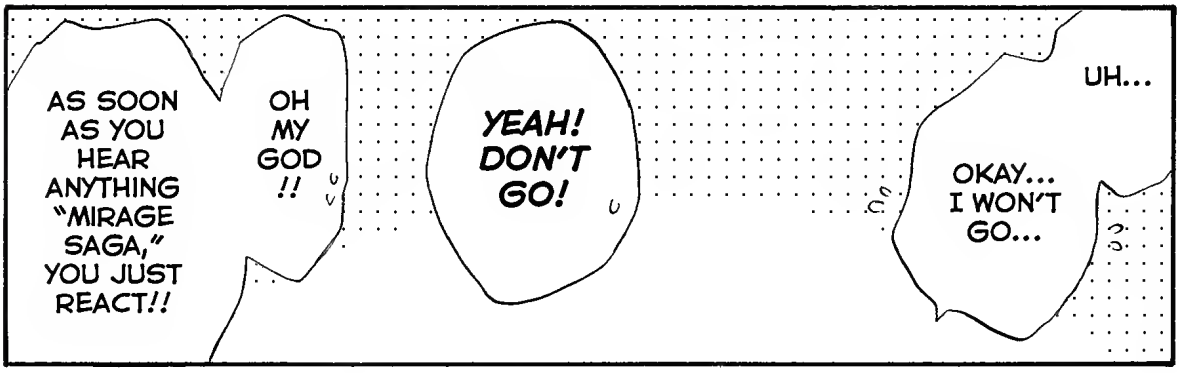
SO I'LL SEE YOU ON SATURDAY AT THE STATION ENTRANCE.
?!
OKAY !!
LATER!

BOOM
HEY...
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KAE-CHAN?!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW?! WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO?! YOUR PLANS ON SATURDAY ARE WITH HIM?!

...AND YOU'RE GOING TO THE MIRAGE SAGA VOICE ACTORS TALK SHOW?!
HE'S A FELLOW "MIRAGE SAGA" FAN...
YEAH!!
YASHIRO-SENPAI GOT PICKED TO GO TO THE EVENT, AND HE ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO BE A PART OF HIS GROUP OF TWO!
'CAUSE I DIDN'T WIN!!
"GROUP OF TWO"?
YEAH!!
HUH? SO YOU TWO ARE GOING TOGETHER?
YEAH!!

B-B-BUT MUTSUMI-SENPAI KNOWS THAT YASHIRO-SENPAI AND I ARE BOTH "MIRAGE SAGA" FANS!
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!!
AND ISN'T YASHIRO MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S FRIEND?! THAT'S EVEN WORSE!!
NO WAY WOULD A GUY BE COOL WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND GOING SOMEWHERE ALONE WITH ANOTHER GUY!!
HUHHH?
He'd cry!
HUH?
YOU IDIOT!! STOP IT!!

GASP
I THINK EVEN MUTSUMI-SENPAI WOULD FEEL THE SAME WAY.
AS A GUY, I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GO.
You idiot!
DON'T TAKE SENPAI'S KIND-NESS FOR GRANTED!
WHAT IF THE ROLES WERE REVERSED, KAE-CHAN...? YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF MUTSUMI-SENPAI WENT SOMEWHERE ALONE WITH ANOTHER GIRL, WOULD YOU?!


AS SOON AS YOU HEAR ANYTHING "MIRAGE SAGA," YOU JUST REACT!!
OH MY GOD!!
YEAH! DON'T GO!
UH...
OKAY... I WON'T GO...

MU-
TSUMI.
OH, WELL
しょぼん
ABOUT
THIS
SATURDAY
...
とII
CHECK
IT
OUT!!
WOW
!!
TA-DAH
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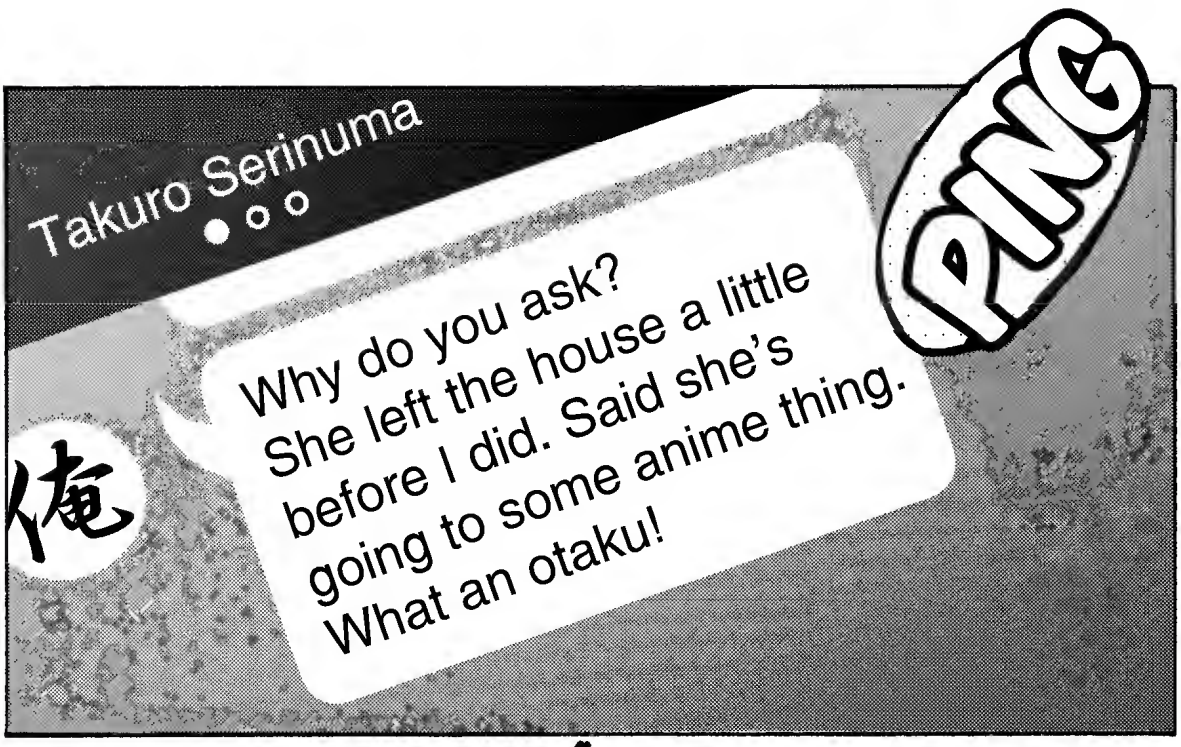
WOOHOO!
ワーイ
LOOKS GREAT!
HAVEN'T YOU GOT THE HANG OF HOUSE-WORK BY NOW, THOUGH?
OH, BUT I STILL CAN'T COOK...
PLUS, YOUR COOKING TASTES THE BEST, NANA-SHIMA-SENPAI!!
しれっ
AUDACIOUS
HE'S GOTTEN A LOT CHEEKIER THAN BEFORE ...
YUM
うま
YUM
うま
もり CHOMP
CHOMP もり
Get back to cleaning after you eat!
SATUR-DAY BRUNCH!
THIS WEEK'S RANK-INGS, AFTER THE BREAK!
BA-DAAAH!
"Mirage Saga" Sequel Announced!!!
ミラージュ・サーガ
続編決定!!!!
TA-DAAAH!
THAT REMINDS ME...
THERE'S NO WAY, BUT...
Hey. Is Kae-san home?
MUNCH...
TAK
TAK


Takuro Serinuma
Why do you ask? She left the house a little before I did. Said she's going to some anime thing. What an otaku!
俺
PING

SERI-NUMA-AAAA!!
BOOM
HUH? WHAT IS IT ?!
S...

TMP
TMP

キョロ
GLANCE
LET'S SEE...
CHATTER ザワ
CHATTER ザワ
"STAR-BACKS" SHOULD BE SOME-WHERE IN THIS AREA...
WHOA. SO MANY PEOPLE.
OH.
anime伊東
IT'S BEHIND THIS BUILD-ING.
OH MY GOD!
LIKE, WOW!!
IT WAS SOOO GOOD!!
YES, IT WAS THE BEST.

HUH...?

MU-TSUMI-SENPAI ...?!
WERE YOUR SATUR-DAY PLANS WITH YASHI-RO?
UH...
YEAH ...
IT WAS FOR "MIRAGE SAGA"! THERE WAS A "MIRAGE SAGA" TALK SHOW...
Heh heh!
I REALLY WANTED TO GO, AND YASHIRO-SENPAI HAD TICKETS... SO I CAME TO THE SHOW WITH HIM.
'CAUSE I LOVE "MIRAGE SAGA"... I LOVE SHION!!
びくっ
FLINCH
"MIRAGE SAGA"...
OH! THERE THEY ARE!!
だだっ
THUD THUD
OH NO!! THEY'VE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER!!

"Mirage Saga"...
"Mirage Saga"...
"Mirage Saga"...
Mirage Saga...
MUTSUMI-SENPAI?
?
JOLT
SEN-PAI?!
DROOP
HUH?
SEN...?
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
ARE YOU ...?!
FWIP

WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE? ME OR SHION?
...HUH?
TO BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE☆